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Applicants: Sidoti, et al.  
Application No.: 09/896,970  
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Examiner: Leslie A. Wong

Title: ***COOKING SALT FORMULATIONS AND METHODS***

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's office action of September 7, 2004, in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Note that the Examiner has allowed previously submitted claims 45-64 and rejected previously submitted claims 65 and 66. In order to expedite allowance of the instant application, Applicants respectfully cancel claims 65-66 *without prejudice* in anticipation of the filing of a divisional application. Applicants have added several dependent claims in anticipation of allowance. This amendment is respectfully submitted to remove all issues which could arguably impede the allowability of this application in order expedite its allowance.